in Mahboobnagar district in Andhra Pradesh and whether any survey has been made in regard to locate the said deposits and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI R. K. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b). Detailed surveys conducted at Gopalapet and other places in Mehboobnagar District of Andhra Pradesh indicate sporadic occurrences of radioactive minerals in some places. However, no economically viable uranium deposit has so far been located in these areas.

German Homoeopathic Medicine to cure AIDS and Cancer

3119. SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some renowned German Homoeopaths have developed a system of medicine which can permanently cure patients of AIDS and Cancer;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to have study of the efficacy of these medicines; and

(d) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government are aware of a news item entitled "Homoeopathic cure for AIDS?" which appeared in 'Hindustan Times' dated 17th November 1988 in which a mention has been made that symptoms like loss of weight, ulcer, lack of blood cells in Cancer and Gastritis in AIDS could be remedied. The news item neither claims for a permanent cure of patients of AIDS and Cancer nor development of a System of Medicine.

A number of Homoeopathic Medicines have been mentioned in authoritative literatures which are indicated in conditions of loss of weight, various types of ulcers, lack of blood cells and gastritis. These medicines are prescribed not on the basis of nomenclature of the diseases but on the basis of accurate individualisation which is characteristic of Homoeopathic System of Medicine.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

Discrimination against SC/ST Specialists in Dr. R. M. L. Hospital, New Delhi

3120. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the complaints regarding discrimination against scheduled caste/scheduled tribes specialists in Dr. R. M. L. Hospital, New Delhi was lodged in the Ministry by various agencies; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and(b) Yes, Sir. There has, however, been no discrimination against Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes Specialists in Dr. R. M. L. Hospital, New Delhi.

Selection of Heads of Department of Dr. in Dr. R. M. L. Hospital, New Delhi

3121. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the criteria of selection of Heads of Department in Dr. R. M. L. Hospital;

(b) what are the steps taken to safeguard the interests of SC/ST officer/employees; and

(c) whether it is a fact that removal of two of three specialists from Dr. R. M. L. Hospital, in a period of less than six months is based on whims and cast prejudice?